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SUBJECT: NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO ITALY APPOINTED

1. SIR ALAN CAMPBELL HAS BEEN APPOINTED HMG AMBASSADOR TO ITALY SUCCEEDING SIR GUY MILLARD, WHO IS RETIRING. CAMPBELL EXPECTS TO TAKE UP HIS APPOINTMENT IN MID-OCTOBER AND MILLARD WILL LEAVE ROME SEPTEMBER 30.

2. CAMPBELL IS A SENIOR AND RESPECTED BRITISH DIPLOMAT. SINCE 1974 HE HAS HELD RANK OF DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS. HE WAS BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA FROM 1969-1972.

3. AFTER GRADUATING FROM CAMBRIDGE AND SERVING IN THE DEVONSHIRE REGIMENT (1939-41), CAMPBELL ENTERED THE FOREIGN SERVICE AND WAS FIRST APPOINTED AS SECOND SECRETARY ON THE STAFF OF LORD KILLEARN'S SPECIAL MISSION FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA AT SINGAPORE. HIS OTHER ASSIGNMENTS HAVE INCLUDED: PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT (1948-50); PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (1950-52); HEAD OF CHANCERY BRITISH EMBASSY ROME (1952-55); HEAD OF CHANCERY IN PEKING (1955-58); IMPERIAL DEFENSE COLLEGE (1958); ASSISTANT HEAD OF FOREIGN OFFICE NEWS DEPARTMENT (1958-61); COUNSELOR AND HEAD OF CHANCERY AT UK MISSION TO UN (1961-65); HEAD OF WESTERN DEPARTMENT, FCO (1965-67); COUNSELOR AND HEAD OF CHANCERY, PARIS (1967-69); AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA (1969-72); AND ASSISTANT UNDER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS (1972-74).

4. CAMPBELL WAS NOMINATED A CMG IN 1964 AND A KCMG IN 1976. HE MARRIED THE FORMER MARGARET JEAN TAYLOR, WHO IS AUSTRALIAN, AND THEY HAVE 3 DAUGHTERS BORN IN 1948, 1950 AND 1958.

5. CAMPBELL HAS BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH OFFICERS OF THE EMBASSY AND THE DEPARTMENT. HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN REGARDED AS FRIENDLY, HELPFUL AND ACCURATE. HE HAS BEEN CLOSELY INVOLVED IN US-EUROPEAN POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS. CAMPBELL IS 57 AND THIS WILL PROBABLY BE HIS RETIREMENT POST.

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